| Petition Type & Statute  | Rules for signatures  NOTE: Registered voters include both active and inactive voters.   | Who to Contact               |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| ABC Elections  1. County GS 18B-600(b)  2. City GS 18B-600(c)  3. Township GS 18B-600(f) | <ol> <li>Thirty-five percent (35%) of the county-registered voters at the time the petition was initiated</li> <li>Thirty-five percent (35%) of the city-registered voters at the time the petition was initiated</li> <li>Twenty-five percent (25%) of the registered voters of the township or two (2) townships taken together</li> </ol> | County Board of<br>Elections |
| Charter Amendment GS 160A-104  | Ten percent (10%) of the whole number of voters who are registered to vote in city elections <b>or</b> 5,000, <i>whichever is less</i>   | County Board of<br>Elections |
| Fire District<br>GS 69-25.1  | Thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders ( <b>not voters</b> ) living in an area lying outside the corporate limits of the city or town   | County Tax Office            |
| Municipal Incorporation<br>GS 120-163  | Fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the area proposed to be incorporated, but by not less than 25 registered voters of that area, asking for incorporation.  | County Board of Elections    |
| <b>New Political Party</b><br>GS 163-96  | Total signatures must equal 2% of the number of voters who voted in the most recent general election for governor.  NOTE: Above voters must include at least 200 voters from each of 4 congressional districts   | State Board of Elections     |

#### Rules for signatures

#### Who to Contact

## Petition in Lieu of Filing Fees

GS 163-107.1

- United States Senator,
   Governor, Lieutenant
   Governor, or any State
   executive officer for existing
   party
- 1. 10,000 registered voters from the same party
- 1.State Board of Elections

- United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or any State executive officer for new party by petition
- 2. Ten percent (10%) of the registered voters who are affiliated with the same political party in whose primary the candidate desires to run or no less than 10,000 registered voters regardless of the voter's political party affiliation, whichever requirement is greater
- 2.State Board of Elections

- 3. County, Municipal and District Primaries
- 3. Ten (10%) of the registered voters of the election area in which the office will be voted for, who are in the same political party *or* no less than 200 registered voters regardless of said voter's political party affiliation, whichever requirement is greater
- 3.County Board of Elections

- 4. Nonpartisan Primaries and Elections
- 4. Ten percent (10%) of the registered voters in the election area in which the office will be voted
- 4. County Board of Elections

# Presidential Primary Nomination

GS 163-213.5

10,000 registered voters in the same party

State Board of Elections

## Referendum on Bond Issue

GS 159-60

Ten percent (10%) of the total number of voters registered to vote in elections of the issuing unit

County Board of Elections

## **Sanitary District**

GS 130A-48

Fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the resident freeholders (**not voters**) within a proposed sanitary district <u>or</u> fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the freeholders within a proposed sanitary district

County Tax Office

## **School Tax Supplement**

GS 115C-503

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the qualified voters who reside in a local school administrative unit

County Board of Elections

#### Petition Type & Statute

#### Rules for signatures

#### Who to Contact

#### **Unaffiliated Candidates**

(See APPENDIX 1) GS 163-122

- President)
- 1. Statewide Office (including 1. Total signatures must equal 2% of total registered voters in the state.
- 1. State Board of Elections

- 2. District Office 2 or more counties
- 2. Total signatures must equal 4% of total registered voters in the district
- 2. State Board of Elections

- 3. Single County Legislative District
- 3. Total signatures must equal 4% of total registered voters in the legislative district
- 3. County Board of Elections

- 4. County Office
- 4. Total signatures must equal 4% of the total registered voters in the county
- 4. County Board of Elections

- 5. Partisan Municipal Office
- 5. Total signatures must equal 4% of the total registered voters eligible to vote in the municipal election
- 5. County Board of Elections

## Write-In Candidate in **Partisan Election**

(see APPENDIX 1) GS 163-123

- State-wide Office
- 1. 500 registered voters in the State
- 1. State Board of Elections

- 2. District office comprising all or part of two or more counties
- 2. 250 combined registered voters in the affected counties.
- 2. Each affected County **Board of Elections**

- 3. County office, or school administrative unit office elected on a partisan basis, or legislative district consisting of a single county or a portion of a county
- 3. 100 qualified voters who are eligible to vote for the office. If fewer than 5.000 persons are eligible to vote for the office, the petition must be signed by not less than one percent (1%) of those registered voters
- 3. County Board of Elections

For petition information on "Local Government Sales and Use Tax" (GS 105-465), "Supplement to Local Government Sales and Use Tax" (GS 105-480) or "Creation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts" (GS 139-5), contact the SEIMS division of the State Board of Elections.

#### **EXPLANATION OF OFFICES FOR CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

The following is a list of example offices for each category noted in the signature requirements section of this document.

- 1. State-wide Office
  - Governor
  - Lieutenant Governor
  - Secretary of State
  - Auditor
  - Treasurer
  - Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - Attorney General
  - Commissioner of Agriculture
  - Commissioner of Labor
  - Commissioner of Insurance
  - State Justices
  - Judges of the Appellate Division

**NOTE**: This also includes nominees for U.S. President

- 2. District Office 2 or more Counties
  - State Senator
  - Member of State House of Representatives
  - Judges of the Superior Court
  - Judges of the District Courts
  - District Attorney
- 3. District Office Single County (See 2., above)
- 4. County Office
  - County Commissioner
  - Clerk of Superior Court
  - Register of Deeds
  - Sheriff
  - Coroner
  - County Treasurer
- 5. Municipal Office
  - Mayor